



A SPACE TO MEET WITH
THE LIVING GOD FOR
RELATIONSHIP • HEALING
TRANSFORMATION

ENCOUNTER GROUPS

What to include in prayer time for an **encounterprayer** session

Please see the example of an **encounterprayer** opposite.

Typical aspects of an **encounterprayer** : (10 minutes):

- Start with addressing Father God
- Express worship & thankfulness to God
- Address Jesus and thank Him for what He's done for us
- Offer guests a chance to encounter Jesus for themselves:
Ask them below 3 questions & allow +/- 1 minute silence
after each one

1 Where is Jesus for you now?

You can offer ideas of where they might sense Him:
in front, behind, or beside them Or perhaps they can
imagine Him in a special & safe place.

2 What would you like to say to Jesus or bring to Him?

It can be a good idea to encourage participants to
think of one thing that's topmost on their mind, as
often people arrive feeling very distracted.

3 What do you sense Jesus is saying to you today?

- Invite guests to be open to how Jesus might want to
meet with them today.
*You can offer ideas: A word, a picture, a Bible verse,
worship song lyrics, a hymn, or perhaps they sense
God's special touch or peace.*
- Address the Holy Spirit & pray for His transformative
and powerful work in people's lives
- End prayer – Amen

Some pointers for guiding people through the prayer:

- Come and experience one of our Online
encounterprayer sessions
- Listen to a few of our CHM library of talks
- It can help to enter the encounter yourself and
answer the questions – It helps with the timing.
- Speak slowly, but also keep an eye on the clock.

Allow a short space of silence & then tell people that
you're going to give them a minute to write down what
happened in that time, so that they can keep hold of it.

Sample Prayer

Father God, Thank you for your presence here with us today.
You created the whole world, and you created us.

Thank you for adopting each one of us into your family and
for calling us your children.

We love you and we are grateful to you for everything you
have given to us.

Thank you for your Word, the Bible & for all the promises
you've written to us.

PAUSE

Father God, we know that you loved us so much that you
gave us your Son, Jesus who came to earth as one of us -
who was completely man and completely God - who died for
us, rose again and is seated at your right hand.

PAUSE

Lord Jesus, you are the name who is above every other
name.

You are the gift that our Father God has given to us.

You love to spend time with us and you are already with
each person here today. You are in the rooms where each
one of us is sitting. Thank you for being with us.

PAUSE

I want to encourage you to pause & think about where Jesus
is for you right now?

It might be that you can sense Him next to you, in front of
you or in your room somewhere.

Take a moment to sense His presence.

PAUSE

Jesus is with you right now whether you can feel Him or not
– He says He will never leave us nor forsake us, so please
share with Him now what you would like to say to Him? It
might be something you want Him to do for you today or
something you want to offer Him?

PAUSE

And then see if you can tune into what He might be saying
to you?

It might be that a thought comes to mind that wasn't there
before, or maybe you are reminded of a Bible verse, or you
get a picture in your mind – whatever it is – hold onto it.

PAUSE

We pray now to you, Holy Spirit & we ask for an increased
awareness of your presence.

We thank you for allowing our bodies to be living temples of
the Spirit's presence.

We pray that you will seal what you have done in our lives
today. Thank you.

PAUSE.

Amen.